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Foundation For National Home Studied

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Council has authorized Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi to appoint a special committee to study a proposal for the creation of a trust to direct the operation of the Order's National Home in Washington, D. C.

Action was voted at the two-day meeting of the Executive Committee in Toronto, Ont., last month.

The trust is to be known as the Order Sons of Italy in America Foundation. It will be charitable in scope, thus enabling all persons contributing to the construction of the National Home to deduct the contributions from their personal income taxes.

Order Lists Eighteen New Lodges

TORONTO, Ont. — Charters have been granted to 18 new lodges since the September 1957 Supreme Lodge convention held at San Francisco, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis reported.

Brother DeMartinis reported two lodges inducted following the convention; 12 organized in 1958, and four inducted this year.

The Grand Lodge of California organized 7 new lodges; Pennsylvania, 5; Florida, 2; New Jersey, 2; Massachusetts, 1, and West Virginia, 1.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, augmenting DeMartinis' report, said that he has been in communication with members residing in states where the Order has no lodges.

He said, "It is our aim to contact these members with the view of establishing lodges in those states where we have none."

He reported that Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio of California is planning organiza-

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Supreme Venerable Gorrasi announced at Toronto that he would name the committee to set up the Foundation in the near future so that the nation-wide drive for funds to build the National Home could get underway without delay.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo Cortese of Philadelphia, Pa., gave the Executive Committee an outline of the proposal for the Foundation.

Earlier Supreme Venerable Gorrasi read a report from John A. Volpe, chairman of the National Home Committee. Volpe's report informed the Executive Committee that the National Home Committee had retained the Philadelphia law firm of Rawle and Henderson to make recommendations for the organization of a Foundation.

Cortese, a Philadelphia attorney, spelled out to the Executive Committee a number of recommendations made by Rawle and Henderson. Cortese's outline was then followed by a vote of the Executive Committee to go ahead with the proposal.

The Volpe report also disclosed that the old Yugoslavia Embassy building standing on the site of the proposed National Home was in the process of being torn down.

(At the time Brother Volpe wrote his report, he said the

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Guglielmo Marconi Award

Committee Considering Candidates

TORONTO, Ont. — First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, chairman of the Italian Culture and Guglielmo Marconi Award Committees, announced that names of a number of candidates have been received for the award.

Brother Ottaviano said his committee will meet to screen all names presented before a final selection is made.

With the selection of the nominee, Brother Ottaviano said he would notify Supreme Venerable

Gorrasi and plans would be prepared for the presentation of the award.

The Guglielmo Marconi Award, which honors the memory of the Italian-born inventor, was first presented at the Order's 1955 Golden Jubilee Convention held at Philadelphia.

The lone recipient of this award, given to the person who best exemplifies the purposes and ideals of Marconi, is Brig. Gen. David Sarnoff, board chairman of Radio Corp., of America.



PRINCIPALS AT TORONTO BANQUET

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini of Philadelphia, right, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, chats with, left to right, Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, Toronto, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., and the Most Rev. Francis A. Marrocco, auxiliary bishop of Toronto.

Toronto Meeting Highlights

Here is a summary of the action taken by the Supreme Executive Committee at the two-day sessions in Toronto, Ont.:

Adopted a proposal to create the Order Sons of Italy in America Foundation concerning the establishment of the Order's national home in Washington, D. C.

Authorized the simplification of the present Judicial Code.

Authorized the Ritual Committee to prepare a uniform purple emblem or symbol for Columbus Day.

Approved a resolution pressing for changes in current immigration laws.

Approved adoption of a new charter form to replace charters now issued by the Supreme Lodge.

Errigo to Simplify Judicial Code

The Supreme Executive Committee approved a move to simplify the present Judicial Code of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

The request to simplify the code was made in a report by Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, law committee chairman.

Work on the simplification of the Judicial Code will be done by Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, a member of the committee.

Palermo said the current code is "too technical and cumbersome." He said a simplified code would be for "the betterment, benefit and protection of the individual member."

"Wearing Of The Purple"

Uniformity of Display

TORONTO, Ont.—The Order's Ritual Committee has been authorized to prepare a uniform purple emblem or symbol for the Order in commemoration of Columbus Day.

This action was taken by the Supreme Executive Committee following a report given by A. Alfred Marcello, chairman of the Order's Public Relations Committee.

Brother Marcello, reporting on the phase of his Committee's work dealing with the wearing of the color purple on Columbus Day, requested that the Order achieve uniformity in presenting the color purple this Columbus Day.

Uniformity for Order

Brother Marcello said that it was not the intent of the Committee to curb the incentive of the Grand Lodges in the display

of the color purple, but rather to make one emblem or symbol uniform for all.

"If uniformity is achieved," he said, "the Order would receive the full benefit and would continue to be closely associated with originating the wearing of the purple on Columbus Day."

The Ritual Committee will present the new emblem or symbol for approval at the Supreme Convention to be held in August at Boston.

Ernest L. Biagi, grand recording secretary of the Pennsylvania Order, is chairman of the Ritual Committee.

The Meaning of Mass Participation

Thinking on a National Scale

TORONTO, Ont. — Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi's move to have members of the Order participate in Supreme Lodge activities encouraged more than 30 members of Ontario, Quebec and the United States to attend the Supreme Executive Committee sessions here.

In praise of those attending from Canada, he said, "The Fraternal Pact established in 1955 between Canada and the Supreme Lodge is bringing us closer together as brothers and sisters."

Supreme Lodge too Distant

The Supreme Venerable said that he has been expounding the "theme of mass participation by members in Supreme Lodge functions because for too long the

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Supreme Lodge has been too distant from the membership.

"Our members know of the Supreme Lodge, but not too many have participated as a whole in the activities of the Supreme Lodge.

"I have been trying to instill within our members for some time now that we must all think and talk and act on a national scale. Now with the pact between the Order and the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec, we must think and act on an international scale.

"I have been stressing mass participation by members of the

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To Press For Changes In Law

Congress Is Asked to Change Preference Quotas System

TORONTO, Ont. — The Order will continue to press for changes in the McCarran-Walter Act, particularly the features of the law which are based "on bigotry, prejudice and narrowmindedness."

This action was taken following the adoption of a report submitted by Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee.

Errigo said the 7-point immigration program presented at the 1957 San Francisco Supreme convention must continue to be the goal of the Order.

Order's Program

Reiterating the committee's program, he said the Order should continue to press Congress for action on the following:

1. To adopt the 1950 in lieu of the 1920 Census to establish annual quotas;
2. To re-allocate unused quotas to countries having oversubscribed quotas;
3. To abolish mortgages on quotas;
4. To grant more favorable preference of relatives of United States citizens;
5. To equalize citizenship between native born and naturalized citizens;
6. To humanize some of the harsh provisions of the present immigration law relative to admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens;
7. To revise and extend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Harsh Features of Law

Errigo said a number of bills have been filed in Congress to change the harsh and unjust features of current immigration laws.

"It is evident," he said, "that there has been considerable thinking along these lines. There may be good results if we keep hammering away at essential points of improvement."

He noted that President Eisenhower, last January, urged Congress to permit entry of an additional 190,000 immigrants each year. Congress, Errigo said, did not respond too enthusiastically.

Keating Bill

Errigo said in part: "Senator Kenneth B. Keating

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The Executive Committee of the Supreme Council has called upon Congress to amend existing immigration laws so that fourth preference quota cases will be placed in the same classifications as the first, second and third cases.

The Order's stand on quota cases was spelled out in a resolution adopted at the two-day sessions of the Executive Committee last month in Toronto.

The resolution pointed out that fourth preference visas can be issued only when deficiencies occur in the first, second and third preferences. The resolution also noted that Italy with a low quota of 5645 annually could never pile up deficiencies in the first, second or third preference categories so that the present law actually shuts off any hope of fourth preference cases of ever entering the United States.

Some 80,000 petitions in the fourth preference category are now pending, the resolution stated.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to President Eisenhower, key members of Congress as well as to all Grand Lodges.

(R-N.Y.) has introduced a bill to grant non-quota status to certain immigrants who are brothers, sisters, sons or daughters of United States citizens. These close kin are classified under the fourth preference quota section of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

"The introduction of Keating's bill, S. 925, will provide legislation to help resolve the urgent and pressing problems of the fourth preference quota on the grounds that it is unfair to permit United States citizens to file petitions for their brothers, sisters, sons or daughters, granting them approval and then letting them pile up in a huge backlog at American Consulates abroad

without the hope of any visas being issued.

80,000 Petitions on File

"There are more than 80,000 petitions on file, nearly 60,000 of which are for Italian's and many of them go as far back as 10 years. Fourth preference visas can be issued only when deficiencies occur in the first, second or third preferences, which are allotted 100 per cent of the quota — a rare and unlikely occurrence especially in countries with low quota numbers such as Italy with 5645."

Brother Errigo said his committee will work also with U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) in seeking changes in the immigration laws.

The Order's Public Relations

New Setup is "Bearing Fruit"

TORONTO, Ont.—Public dissemination of news of the Order on a wide scale is bearing fruit, A. Alfred Marcello, chairman of the Order's Public Relations Committee announced in his report to the Supreme Executive Committee.

Brother Marcello, director of OSIA NEWS, also praised members throughout the Order for keeping his committee posted on articles appearing in newspapers. He said that hundreds of newspapers in the United States and Canada have carried news of the Order.

200 Releases Mailed

"Since last September," he said, "the Public Relations Committee has mailed more than 200 press releases dealing with the Order's proposed national home, the wearing of the purple, Supreme Lodge appointments and Supreme Lodge activities."

"On the Order's project to have the color purple worn or displayed on Columbus Day, the committee mailed instructions sheets to all Supreme Lodge officers and Grand Lodges."

"The members were given suggestions as to possible procedures to be used in presenting purple emblems to leading officials within the community for coverage by the local press."

"We received a considerable number of newspaper articles, pins, lapel insignia, banquet programs and photographs. All of these items pointed up the success of the Order in the wearing of the color purple on Columbus Day."

Press Kits for Home

"Press kits on the national home were mailed to key personnel in the Order selected geographically to get the widest possible publicity on the Order's project."

"Members from various parts of the United States and Cana-

da mailed the results of this publicity project to the committee."

"We received a number of newspaper clippings which carried details of the proposed new home in Washington, D.C. These were accompanied with a picture of the new home."

Brother Marcello said that members of the Order are being kept informed on matters of immigration through the pages of OSIA NEWS.

"We are keeping our members informed," he said, "so that when the time comes for the Order to act on immigration legislation in Congress, our members will act intelligently."

To Publicize Convention

He said that at the present time the Public Relations Committee is concerning itself with the forthcoming Supreme Lodge convention to be held in August at Boston.

"We will meet with members of the convention committee to discuss a publicity program for the convention."

Brother Marcello concluded his report with the recommendation that the Order adopt a uniform purple emblem or symbol to be worn by all members of the Order on Columbus Day.

Following acceptance of his report, the Executive Committee authorized the Ritual Committee, headed by Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Blagi of Pennsylvania, to present a uniform purple emblem or symbol for approval at the Supreme Lodge convention.

Proposals Outlined By Sen. Kennedy

OSIA NEWS Director A. Alfred Marcello in his capacity as National Public Relations Chairman of the Order in March asked U.S. Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts to comment on proposals he plans to make to Congress regarding changes in existing immigration laws. Senator Kennedy's reply came too late for publication in the April edition of OSIA NEWS.

We are carrying the Massachusetts Senator's letter in this issue. Senator Kennedy sent a letter along similar lines to Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, chairman of the Order's Committee on Immigration.

Senator Kennedy Letter

Here is Senator Kennedy's letter to Brother Marcello:

In your letter of March 3rd you request copies of legislation I have introduced in the 86th Congress dealing with immigration. I assume you have reference to the newspaper reports of proposals that I intended to make. These reports are based on statements I made at a press conference called to announce the publication of a booklet I wrote entitled "A Nation of Immigrants." I have not yet reduced all of these proposals to bill form.

Thus far I have sponsored only two bills dealing with general immigration problems. One would permit orphans adopted by American citizens abroad, or to be adopted by American citizens after they enter this country, to be admitted on a non-quota basis. The other would amend the Refugee Relief Act to admit 10,000 ethnic Armenians. Through an oversight, these people were not included in the original bill. I am enclosing copies of these two bills.

About National Origins

Within a few weeks I expect to offer additional legislation which will

- (1) Eliminate the national origins quota system;
- (2) Grant non-quota status to parents, minor children and spouses of citizens and legally resident aliens if they are otherwise eligible under the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- (3) Provide for participation in the "World Refugee Year";
- (4) Extend the law permitting relatives with tuberculosis symptoms to be admitted on a non-quota basis;
- (5) Propose the activation of the Joint Congressional Committee on Immigration and Nationality Policy so that it can study the administration of the Act and the conditions within and without the United States which might have a bearing on immigration and nationality policy;

Parole Provisions In Law

(6) Offer a resolution that the Attorney General, after consultation with Congress, use the parole provisions of the basic law to fulfill the objectives of the United States in the refugee and immigration field.

I believe this is good legislation because it is consistent with our domestic needs, our historical position as a haven for the persecuted, our standing as a world leader; because it will render unnecessary the many private bills that are introduced every year on this subject and will reunite families that have long suffered from unnatural separation.

I am confident that at least a portion of these proposals will be adopted by the Congress; I am hopeful that all of them will be adopted.

Executive Committee Resolution

Palmer Di Giulio Eulogized

TORONTO, Ont. — The memory of the late Palmer DiGiulio, who served the Order as chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Committee, was eulogized in a resolution passed at the Supreme Executive Committee meeting.

The resolution noted the outstanding service he had rendered the Order "at the national and international levels."

The resolution follows:

Whereas the passing of our esteemed Brother Palmer DiGiulio has taken from us a man we all loved and respected, and

Whereas Palmer DiGiulio, over a period of many years, not only at the local level, but also at the national and international levels, rendered outstanding services to the Order Sons of Italy in America, particularly in the field of Immigration and Naturalization, and

Whereas Palmer DiGiulio continually displayed in all his work and in all his associations a great and sincere love for his fellow-man, realizing always that we are all children of God with an Immortal Soul, and that each one of us is endeavoring to save his soul, and

Whereas it is our desire to express our feelings and make

known our sadness because of the loss that we have suffered,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council, Order Sons of Italy in America, at Toronto, Canada this 5th day of April A.D. 1959 that we mourn the loss of an outstanding member of the Order Sons of Italy in America; that we shall pray for him and his loved ones, and remember him at all times within our ranks for his devotion to duty, his excellence in service and his love for people everywhere.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread on the official minutes of this conference and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Palmer DiGiulio.

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A Case For Canadian Lodges

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

Our Canadian brethren are deeply disturbed over a recent move by the Canadian government to slam the door shut against further immigration from Italy to Canada.

By a strange coincidence the Canadian government's decision to bar further immigration from Italy was announced in the Canadian press on the very day the officials of the Order were arriving in Toronto, Ontario, for a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council.



MARCELLO

It wasn't long before the news on the immigration ban became a topic of informal conversations between members of the Ontario Order and Supreme Council officials. There was some sentiment, of course, for formal action by the Supreme Council on the immigration ban. Our Canadian brothers and sisters were bewildered by the immigration edict. Understandably they turned to members of the Supreme Council for advice and guidance. They knew of our experience in such matters. Through the pages of OSIA NEWS they have been kept posted on the Order's fight against the discriminatory features of the McCarran-Walter Act. We have had the experience in immigration matters and they wanted the benefit of our experience. This is only natural, of course.

But because of a long-standing policy of the Order the Executive Committee could not by resolve or formal protest take any action in the Canadian dispute.

No Meddling in Others' Affairs

It has been the policy of the Order never to meddle or interfere in the internal affairs of foreign countries. Our thinking has long been that we as Americans would take a dim view of foreigners meddling in affairs that are strictly American affairs. So it follows that we should practice what we preach. What we would not have others do we should not attempt to do ourselves.

What is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose.

On the other hand it would not be fair to our Canadian brethren if we did not live by the fraternal pact which binds us together. They have asked for advice and guidance. They have turned to us in their hour of need so we cannot in good conscience turn our backs and forget the whole business.

The least we can do is to offer our Canadian brethren the fraternal hand of advice and guidance. Give them guidance that will keep them from making mistakes that might well cost them the friendship of the many other groups that go

into the making of the melting pot that is Canada.

Urges Quick Action by Lodges

We urge the Canadian lodges of the Order to act and act quickly so that the Canadian government will know that men and women of Italian origin now living in Canada resent and protest the ban which discriminates against Italians.

But we caution our friends in Canada that whatever action they take should be logical and intelligent and not based on emotionalism, the sort of emotionalism which can do more harm than good.

We who live in the United States are not too familiar with the background of the immigration dispute. The Canadian government may have valid reasons for its action to stem the tide of immigration. But the sixty-four dollar question is why has the Canadian government sired an order which in effect says anyone can enter Canada from Great Britain, Ireland and France to name a few, but turns thumbs down on Italians.

Another Infamous Quota System

Is this the beginning of another infamous quota system, a system similar to the one that has been in effect in the United States for almost 40 years? Is this another instance of favoring a few nationalities over others?

These are the questions our Canadian brethren would do well to ponder.

We say to our Canadian brothers and sisters that there is a principle involved. Any sign of weakness on the part of the Italian-Canadians would be bad. They will be inviting further headaches if they allow the Canadian government's ban on immigration to go unchallenged.

Our Canadian friends cannot shrug off the immigration problem as "just one of those things." We repeat to remain silent would be a sign of weakness on the part of thousands of men and women of Italian origin who now make their homes in Canada.

Not Without Friends in Canada

As in any controversial issue there are those who believe that something must be done to restrict immigration to Canada. And there are those who believe that no restrictions should be made at this time, at least no restrictions which favor one group over another.

Our Canadian brethren will not be without friends if they make an intelligent fight against the immigration ban. Opinion is strongly divided in Canada on this issue and the surprising thing is that strong opposition to the ban has come from the Canadian press.

Typical of this opposition is an editorial which appeared in the April 4 editions of the TORONTO STAR. We are publishing this editorial in full on this page.

Members of the Canadian Order should take heart over this development as it shows no one is ever alone when he fights for equal rights, and against those who would discriminate because of birth or religion.

Ban Aimed at Italians?

The following editorial appeared in the April 4th editions of the Toronto Daily Star:

It is hard to escape the suspicion that discrimination aimed at Italians is behind the government's move to cut off immigration of brothers and sisters, married sons and daughters of people already in Canada.

Most Canadians will agree with a policy of limiting immigration during a period of high unemployment such as the present. In 1958, for instance, the 124,000 immigrants admitted were less than half the 1957 number.

But the background of this move to shut off sponsored immigrants — admitted on the guarantee they will not become public charges — suggests it is not just related to the employment situation.

A clue can be found in remarks in the Commons on March 5 by Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, minister of immigration, as noted by Mark Harrison, The Star's Ottawa correspondent. "Italy is the one country which in great volume sponsors relatives," she said, adding that a backlog of this kind, grown from 47,000 in 1956 to 65,000 in 1958, "causes us a great deal of concern."

And on the heels of this comes along a directive which wipes out most of this backlog at the stroke of a pen. Though husbands or wives, and unmarried children are still eligible, the greatest number come in the categories banned.

Speaking in Montreal Jan. 16, Mrs. Fairclough carefully made the point that sponsored immigrants do not directly compete with other Canadians for jobs since their relatives undertake to provide employment and housing. This may be stretching the point, as we noted editorially at the time, for some of them surely do enter the open market.

But if this was the minister's contention then, how can she justify the government's stand now? Mystifying explanations of the cut-off comes from Ottawa. One is that it is just an attempt to simplify bookkeeping. And the department says it will not reduce the flow of immigrants to Canada this year. Well, it will reduce the number of Italians, other European citizens, Israelis, and Lebanese who are among those affected.

Is there a further clue in the fact that in 1958, more Italians than British came to Canada? Is the government anxious to cut down Italian immigration, but afraid to say so, like a hotelkeeper who doesn't discriminate, yet finds he has no vacancies when certain people appear?

The Star has never suggested Canada should fling wide the gates and admit all comers, regardless of their adaptability and our capacity to absorb them. But we do believe the goal should be an immigration policy that selects people irrespective of their race or nationality. Since the new order erects a barrier against a certain national group, we can only regard it as a step in the wrong direction.

No Second Class Citizens

'All Canadians'—Mayor Says

TORONTO, Ont.—Mayor Nathan Phillips welcomed members of the Supreme Executive Committee at the opening ceremonies of the two-day sessions held at the King Edward Hotel.

Known as the "Mayor of all the people", Mayor Phillips said he is the first mayor of a Canadian city to be elected on a personal basis.

"Your Order has honored Toronto," he said, "with your meeting here. We refer to our relatives across the line as cousins."

He said the peace of the world "depends upon the cooperation of the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Mayor Phillips, in a humorous vein, noted that heads of city government in the U. S. are titled mayors while in Canada they are titled His Worship. "You can see they really worship us here," he quipped.

25 Nationalities In Toronto

He said that there are 25 nationalities represented in Toronto and that it is a religious city. He said in part:

"We have respect for one another here and we have a belief in God. There are no second class citizens in this city. We are all Canadians of the same quality."

"... Those who are born here deserve little credit, but those who are coming here now are to be given credit. In this country we have the same equality of opportunity, regardless of race, creed or color."

"We have a very important Italian community in Toronto. It is a large one and our fellow Italians are contributing to the cultural life of the city."

"It thrills me when I meet with members of the Italian community at their functions."

"... We are going to construct a fountain in Toronto to remind us of a bit of Italy. A column from Italy will accentuate the fountain."

"There is nothing unconstitutional with having pride for the country of your origin and loyalty to the country in which you live."

Committee Sessions Open With Prayer

The Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Hayes of Mount Carmel Church opened the Supreme Executive Committee sessions with a prayer calling for Divine guidance in the committee's deliberations.

Members of the Executive Committee attended Mass in a body Sunday at 9 a.m. at Mount Carmel Church, whose parish is predominantly Italian.

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building was 60 per cent demolished. However as this story was being written, Volpe, in a report to OSIA NEWS said that the building was now completely razed.)

Chairman's Report

Here in part is Volpe's report: Your Committee has signed a contract with the firm of Chatelain, Gauger and Nolan, Architects, of Washington, D. C. This firm was selected as it was believed we ought to have a qualified, outstanding Washington firm serve as the architect for a National Home, which, of course, will be built just once in our lifetime. At the time of engaging their services, Mr. Leon Chatelain, Jr. was President of the American Institute of Architects, an honor not lightly conferred upon him by his fellow professional architects throughout the country. This firm has done a great deal of work in the Washington area of monumental character.

Establish Foundation

In order that contributors could be assured that the

amounts contributed would be tax deductible, the Committee felt a Foundation should be established to which all contributions would be made. The Committee, therefore, engaged the firm of Rawle and Henderson of Philadelphia and Brother Cortese has been given the assignment of receiving from them their recommendations for the organization of such a Foundation. In all probability he will have a report which he will make at this meeting.

We have taken bids and awarded a contract to the lowest bidder for the demolition of the old building. The bid was in the sum of \$5,880, which was in line with our thinking as to cost. Demolition of the building as of today is approximately 60% complete.

Asks Cooperation

On December 9, 1958, letters were sent to all the Grand Venerables soliciting their support and asking them to submit the name of the individual they would have serve as State Chairman, as well as names of other committee members. Although we have sent a follow-up letter

to the Grand Venerables, as well as letters to the Regional Chairman, and despite the fact that the Supreme Venerable has also written, as of today there are still eleven Grand Venerables who have not as yet submitted the names of the State Chairman. These states are:

District 1 — Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

District 2—Maryland, Alabama and West Virginia.

District 3—Illinois, Nebraska and Montreal, Canada.

District 4—California.

It is foolhardy, the Committee believes, to proceed with the Drive until it is properly organized. We would certainly urge that those who have not as yet submitted the names of the State Chairmen, do so in the very near future, so we may proceed with the Drive.

We believe that the membership as a whole will respond to this worth-while development in the history of the Order, and are anxious to proceed.

We can do so, however, only with the complete cooperation of all concerned.



DISPLAYS "NEW LOOK" CHARTER

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, Glenside, Pa., holds new charter form which will replace charters now issued by the Supreme Lodge. The new format bears purple ribbons to represent the color of the Order.

Order's Charters Go Modern

Council Approves Change

TORONTO, Ont.—The Supreme Executive Committee approved the adoption of a modernized charter form to replace current charters issued by the Supreme Lodge.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, head of the Order's Ritual Committee, introduced a sample of the proposed new charter for inspection.

The new format of the approved charter retains the busts of Dante and Columbus and the lion.

The wording of the old charter

will be retained with the addition of the word "Canada" inserted in appropriate places to give recognition to the Canadian Grand Lodges and their affiliation with the Order.

Also, the new charter will have purple ribbons affixed to it to represent the color of the Order.

2 New Lodges in California

Downey, Salinas Installations Swell Roster

The Grand Lodge of California inducted two new lodges into the Order at ceremonies held at Downey and Salinas.

Downey Lodge

DOWNEY, Calif.—Delegations from 14 lodges joined with members of the Grand Council in welcoming the new Downey Lodge No. 2083 into the California Order at ceremonies held in the Elk's Club Hall.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta presided at the initiation and installation of officers. He was assisted by Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, who read the ritual of the Order, and Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, who served as herald.

The initiation of the new lodge highlighted a meeting of the Grand Council held in Los Angeles.

Speakers

Speakers included Grand Venerable Raeta, First Assistant Grand Venerable Alfonso J. Zirpoli, Honorary Grand Venerable Domenico Iannarone and Venerable Umberto Troiano, organizer of the new lodge.

Grand Venerable Raeta told the new lodge members they now are part of a fine organization which is national in scope and is dedicated to promote the best interest of "our people in America and to protect their just rights."

He presented Venerable Troiano, who is a Past Assistant Grand Venerable of the California Order, with a check for \$100 as a token of appreciation by the Grand Council for having organized the lodge.

Venerable Troiano, acknowledging the gift, turned the check over to the Downey Lodge. He requested that the lodge be dedicated to the memory of Amelia Iannarone, late wife of Honorary Grand Venerable Iannarone.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Zirpoli spoke on the accomplishments of the Italians in America and urged the gathering to take pride in their achievements and to be proud that they are Americans of Italian extraction.

Guests

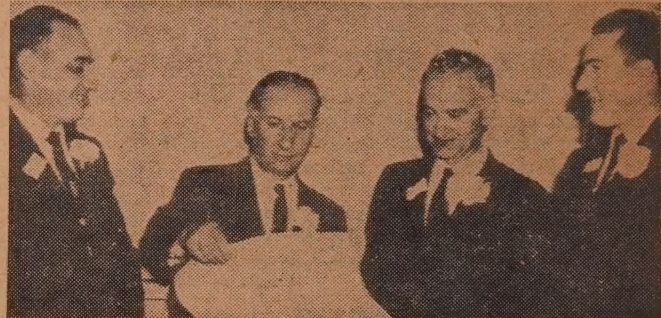
Supreme and Grand Lodge officers attending were, Supreme Trustee Giulia Besozzi, Second Assistant Grand Venerable Daniel D'Amico, Third Assistant Grand Venerable August Bianchini, Past Ex-Grand Venerable James Caforio, Grand Orator Ralph Ruocco, Grand Financial Secretary Trifone Ventrella, Grand Treasurer Frank Ragone, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Grand Trustees: Aladino Marlia, Peter Carpineri, Pat Mastrantonio, Rocco Chiechi, Mrs. Rosina Quilici, John Roselli, Fred Giacomazzi, and Bruno Giuffrida, scholarship fund president.

Downey Lodge officers are, Umberto Troiano, venerable; John Marinelli, assistant venerable; Henry Milano, ex-venerable; Joseph Anselmo, orator; Mrs. Joan Van Eyke, recording secretary; Mary Coponito, financial secretary; Sal Lorenzetti, treasurer; Joseph Perazzo, Ralph Caliendo, Joseph Carbone, Roland DeRocili, Harry Lee Polto; trustees; Jerome Peralta, historian;



CHARTERS PRESENTED TO CALIFORNIA LODGES

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, third from left, presents charter of Downey Lodge No. 2083 to Umberto Troiano, venerable and organizer of the new lodge. From left to right, Joseph Anselmo, orator; Mrs. Joan Van Eyke, recording secretary; Grand Venerable Raeta and Venerable Troiano.



At installation of newly organized Salinas Lodge No. 2082. From left to right, Joseph Lavorato, charter member; Grand Venerable Raeta, Joseph Cava, venerable and organizer of the new lodge, and Vern Ariano, financial secretary.

Aurora Polto and Rose Perazzo, mistress of ceremonies; Carlo Morabito, sentinel.

Salinas Lodge

SALINAS, Calif.—Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta presided at the initiation and installation of the new Salinas Lodge No. 2082.

Delegations from 35 area lodges attended the ceremonies held at the Portuguese Hall.

Assisting the Grand Venerable were Supreme Trustee Giulia Besozzi, who read the ritual of the Order, and Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, who served as herald.

Grand Venerable Raeta presented the new charter to Venerable Joseph Cava, Financial Secretary Vern Ariano and Joseph Lavorato, signers of the charter.

Venerable Cava was presented a check for \$100 as the organizer of the new lodge by Grand Venerable Raeta. He acknowledged the gift and in turn presented the money to the new lodge.

Speakers included Grand Venerable Raeta, Grand Orator Ralph Ruocco, Grand Treasurer Frank Ragone, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Grand Trustees Mrs. Rosina Quilici, John Roselli, Pat Mastrantonio and Rocco Chiechi; Carolina Angeli, president, mortuary fund; Sal Argento, president, hospitalization fund; Miss Dorothy Raeta, president blood bank, and Joseph Simoncini, president, membership. Monte Guardino was master of ceremonies.

Officers of the new lodge are, Joseph Cava, venerable; Jim Orlando, assistant venerable; Barbara Cava, ex-venerable; Paul Tosto, orator; Angela Morelli, recording secretary; Vern Ariano, financial secretary; Paul Marrazzo, treasurer; Monte Guardino, historian; Peter Cailotto, Peter DeMarco, August Cava, John Galli, Joseph Mazzuca, trustees; Emil Rossi and Joseph Orlando, masters of ceremony; Anthony Orlando, sentinel.

By-Law Changes

Convention to Get Proposals

TORONTO, Ont.—A number of amendments to the Constitution and General Laws of the Order will be presented for approval at the August Supreme Lodge convention to be held in Boston.

These amendments were drafted at a meeting of the Law Committee here held prior to the opening of the two-day sessions. Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, national chairman, presided at the day-long session.

The committee also approved a move to simplify the present Judicial Code of the Order.

Supreme Orator Palermo, reporting at the opening day session, said Supreme Delegates would receive a copy of the proposed changes in the general laws 30 days prior to the Supreme convention.

Law committee members attending were First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe and Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. DeMartinis.

Also attending the special meeting were Supreme Venerable Gorrasi, Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, chairman of the Ritual Committee, and Grand Venerable Domenico Cocco.

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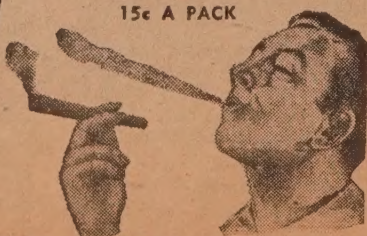
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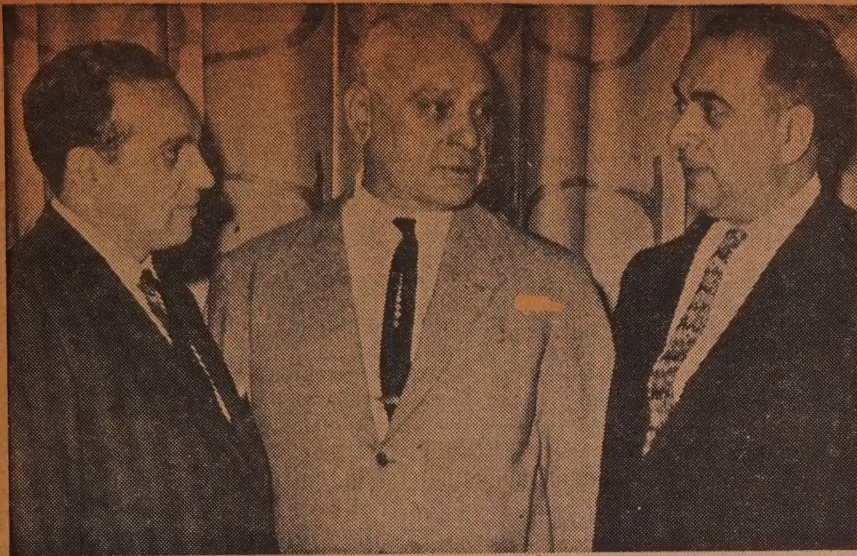
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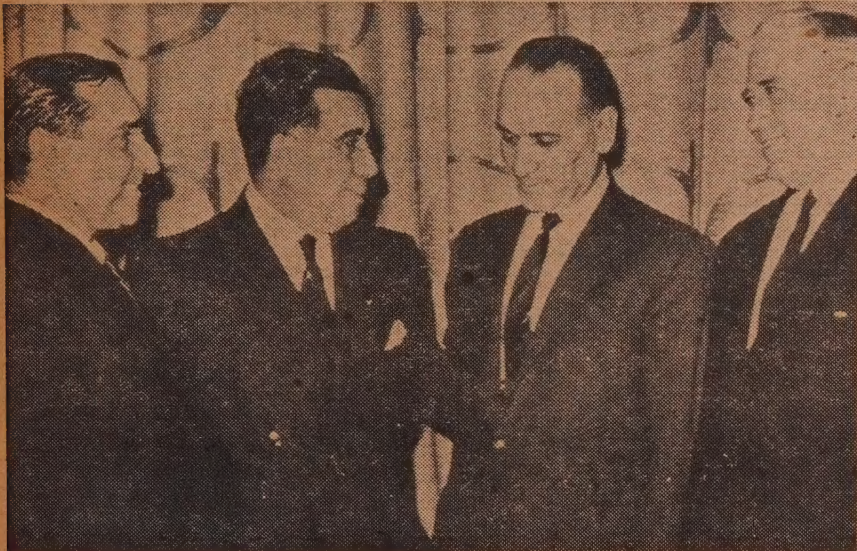


Left to right, Grand Financial Secretary John Cattapan, Grand Venerable Frank Malvasio and Ex-Grand Venerable D. J. Iannuzzi, all of Montreal.



Left to right, Mrs. Lena Lalla, assistant venerable; Mrs. Mary Lazazzera, venerable, and Mrs. Helen Grittani, Florent Lodge, Toronto.

CANADIAN MEMBERS IN 'MASS PARTICIPATION' AT TORONTO MEETING



Left to right, Sigismondo Zonni, Cesare Nini, Past Assistant Grand Venerable Joseph Grittani, and Venerable Andrea DeSantis, Patronato Lodge, all of Toronto.



Left to right, Grand Treasurer Phillip Rocco, Welland; Mrs. Joseph Dennis, venerable; Ex-Grand Venerable Joseph Dennis, Niagara Falls, and Ex-Venerable Joseph Balogna, Schenectady, N. Y.

Toronto Sidelights

Civic Breakfast

Members of the Supreme Executive Committee were guests of Mayor Phillips at a civic breakfast honoring Toronto's Men's Press Club.

The function was held at the Royal York Hotel, largest in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Mayor Phillips introduced Supreme Venerable Gorrasi to the gathering.

He also introduced A. Alfred Marcello, city editor of the Worcester Telegram and director of OSIA NEWS, and Albert A. Maino, managing editor of OSIA NEWS, as "members of the same fraternity."

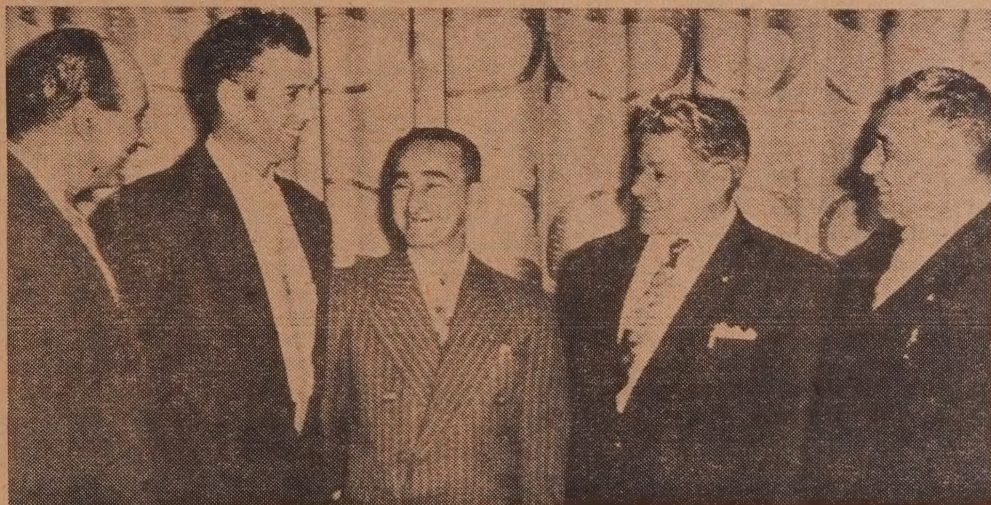
Mayor Phillips welcomed the Order's top officials. Seated at the head table was State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese of Cleveland, Grand Venerable of Ohio, who was introduced by the mayor.

Resolutions Passed

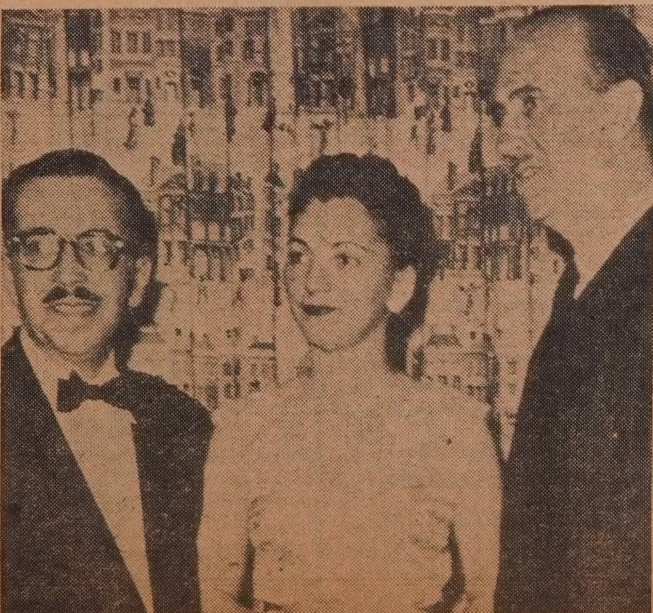
Resolutions commending the Grand Lodge of Ontario and Mayor Nathan Phillips for their hospitality were approved at the closing session of the Supreme Executive Committee meeting.

The Ontario Grand Lodge was praised for the many courtesies extended to members, relatives and friends of the Executive Committee.

Mayor Phillips was commended for his hospitality, his feeling of brotherhood and for his understanding of the purposes of the Order.



Left to right, Basil Coccimillo, Henry Kemp, John Martin, Anthony Delduca and Romolo Guerriero, all of Niagara Falls.



Left to right, Grand Orator Carl Fera, S. Ste. Marie; Mrs. Josephine Lavey, grand administrative secretary, Welland, and Italian Consul General Frank DeRege, Toronto.



ROLAND J. FARANO

Toastmaster at banquet held in King Edward Hotel honoring members of the Supreme Executive Committee.

Birthday Party For Biagi at Toronto Meeting

TORONTO, Ont. — Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Pennsylvania, was tendered a surprise birthday party at the conclusion of the Supreme Executive Committee meeting.

Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, Supreme Financial Secretary Americo A. De Martinis and Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto, all of Pennsylvania, were hosts. Members of the Executive Committee and Canadian members participating at the sessions attended the informal party.

Brother Biagi, who admits to being more than 39, was presented a birthday cake with all ?? candles ablaze.

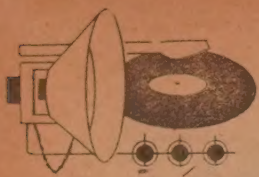
Ontario Welcome

Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, head of the Ontario Order, welcomed members of the Supreme Executive Committee at the opening ceremonies of the two-day meeting.

He placed the services of the Ontario Grand Lodge at the disposal of the visiting officials and wished them success in their deliberations.

Pays Own Way

Genial Frank W. Liberatore of Fitchburg, Mass., a supreme trustee, attended the Toronto sessions at his own expense. Brother Liberatore was not drawn for official attendance at the Toronto meeting, but he came along anyway in company with Grand Venerable John Guarino of Massachusetts.



RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The Schwann Long Playing Record Catalog lists about 25,000 records which may be purchased today. The 25,000 listing cover a wide range of recorded music, both monophonic and stereophonic. As we thumbed through the April issue we were struck by the large number of Italian names, men and women who have contributed to the listening pleasure of music lovers everywhere. Represented in the listings are composers, conductors, and artists.

We were particularly intrigued by the many composers who are listed in the Schwann catalog. From time to time we propose to discuss the works of Italian composers.

For example the composer, Antonio Vivaldi has been dead for 218 years. Yet, his work, conceived during his life span of 1674 to 1741, has been recorded many, many times.

The Schwann catalog lists more than 120 compositions by Vivaldi that have found their way into recordings by major record companies.

Vivaldi's Concerti for Orchestra has been recorded 17 different times by orchestras here and abroad. His Concerti for Violin and Orchestra has been recorded 15 times.

These recordings are both in stereo and conventional hi-fi. Especially effective are his Concerti for Oboe and Orchestra and Concerto for Flute, Bassoon and Orchestra. One delightful such recording is VOX's Bassoon Concerto, C Major by Gli Accademici di Milano, Piero Santo, conductor. This is in stereo. The album number is ST-PL 10.740. It's a gem of music listening.

AF Goes Classical

At long last Audio Fidelity has gone "classical."

Hitherto Audio Fidelity has concentrated on the production of jazz and novelty recordings. Now AF has entered the classical field with a new series — First Component Series. This is good news for the audiophile because AF has enjoyed the reputation of turning out meticulous monophonic recordings.

And to transplant these excellent engineering techniques to classical selections in stereo is indeed something to talk about.

We had a few misgivings, however, when we set out to play three of the six albums in the First Component Series. This was because AF had preceded the release of these new records with a great deal of fanfare.

The audiophile was told quite bluntly that unless he had top playback equipment he had better stay away from the First Component Series.

Was it any wonder then that we were apprehensive? Well, we are happy to report that we played the AF records with excellent results.

Here are the three AF recordings:

STRAUSS WALTZES: The Virtuoso Symphony of London conducted by Emanuel Vardi. Such favorites as Tales From The Vienna Woods, Emperor Waltz and the Blue Danube recorded in breath-taking fashion. The best of the Strauss waltzes recordings we have heard so far.

RUSSIAN COMPOSER MASTERPIECES: Again the Virtuoso Symphony of London conducted by Arthur Winograd. Moussorgsky's Polonaise, Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Overture

and Borodin's Polovetzian Dances are presented in wonderful stereo. A rare treat.

TCHAIKOWSKY'S SYMPHONY VI (Pathetique): The Virtuoso Symphony of London conducted by Alfred Wallenstein. An excellent reading by Wallenstein of Tchaikovsky's Symphony. The sound is exceptionally well defined and the stereo effect is always present.

All in all an auspicious beginning for AF in the classical field.

Hats Off to London

Magnificent is the word for London's stereo recording. **MEN, BRASS AND VOICES.** This is one of the most fascinating stereo recordings to come our way in months.

Massed bands under the direction of Harry Mortimer perform a number of musical gems, namely March from Tannhauser by Wagner; Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld by Offenbach; Serenade by Haykens and a brace of Negro spirituals.

Another good stereo disc from London is Mantovani's **CONCERT ENCORES.** The monophonic version was superb, but in stereo it's something to write home about.

Mantovani, the master, gives a new life to such favorites as Clair De Lune, Spanish Dance, Can Can, Autumn, Song of India and Meditation.

Incidentally, London is celebrating this month its eighth annual "May Is Mantovani Month" program with a new release, **FILM ENCORES VOLUME 2.** We will review this record in our next column. Also at that time we will tell our readers a few things about Mantovani, his background as a child in Venice and his sensational rise in the music world.

As part of the May Mantovani program London has released, both in monophonic and stereophonic, an album **MANTOVANI SHOWCASE.** This album highlights selections from a number of Mantovani recordings. The stereo version is a revelation in sound. If you have stereo equipment by all means buy it. It is a sensational buy at \$2.49. This edition is limited so don't wait too long.

A novel experience is the London stereo recording **OLD HEIDELBERG** featuring Will Glahe, his orchestra and chorus.

This is sung in German, but all music lovers will recognize a number of sparkling orchestrated favorites.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

MOONLIGHT MOODS: Johnny Douglas and his Orchestra. Good recording of such favorites as Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Yesterdays, Cheek to Cheek, and Night and Day.

LIGHT N' EASY: Robert Farnon and his Orchestra. Black Bottom, Button Up Your Overcoat, Birth of the Blues and The Varsity Drag. A brace of old-time hits smoothly executed.

Both on London's Richmond label and a swell buy for \$1.98 each.

HAWAII: Johnny Pineapple and his Islanders. Enchanting Hawaiian music. This marks Johnny Pineapple's initial appearance on Audio Fidelity Records and it's a good beginning.

SUTTON PLACE SOUTH: Emanuel Vardi and String Sextet present some wonderful music with their rendition of Laura, The Nearness of You, Yesterdays, Autumn Leaves, etc. Audio Fidelity Records.

AL HIRT SWINGIN' DIXIE: Volume 2; Incomparable performance of such jazz numbers as Darktown Strutters Ball, Wabash Blues, Wang, Wang Blues, Sweet Lorraine and Chicago.

Audio Fidelity Records.

DON SHIRLEY: Audio Fidelity shows off Shirley's piano artistry to good advantage. Gershwin, Kern and Rodgers, Hammerstein songs dazzlingly performed by young Negro pianist.

AL MELGARD AT THE CHICAGO STADIUM ORGAN: Volume 2 in Audio Fidelity's organ presentations by Melgard. Good, smooth sound in a wide assortment of songs, mostly old-timers.

GAUCHO: This is music of the Argentine Pampas recorded in Argentina. There is a great deal of entertainment in this AF recording. Basically Spanish in melody and rhythm.

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Order so that we can begin to talk and think in terms of the Order as a whole.

Supreme Convention

"Plan your vacation during convention time and come to Boston this August to see the Supreme Lodge Convention in action.

"We want as many of you as possible to come down to Boston."

Grand Venerable Frank Malvasio, newly elected head of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was attending his first Supreme Lodge function.

Delegations from the following cities, in Canada attended:

Toronto, Welland, Niagara Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton and Montreal.

From the United States, members attending were from Ohio, New York and Connecticut.

Florida Grand Lodge Convention In June At Fort Lauderdale

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—The Grand Lodge of Florida will hold its grand convention in this city June 13, 14 and 15.

Grand Venerable Daniel DiBona of Tampa will preside at the three-day convention.

Supreme Chaplain's Corner

"Light of the World"

By RT. REV. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

"I am the LIGHT OF THE WORLD: he that followeth ME walketh not in darkness."—(Imitation of Christ)

The Resurrection of our Lord is the victory of Light over Darkness. No man need "walk in darkness" any more.

Throughout the ages, man has feared darkness. To dispel it he has invented the candle, then the lamp, and now the electric bulb. Man justly fears darkness, because it is the realm of Satan. Wicked deeds are perpetrated in the darkness. Predatory beasts, both animal and human, stalk their prey in the dark. Sin is a child of darkness. Darkness is Death, whereas, Light is Life.

However horrible physical darkness is, Spiritual darkness is infinitely worse. It is an affliction of the soul and of the mind. It is the darkness of culpable ignorance. It is the state of those who "have eyes and see not, have ears, and hear not." A person so needlessly afflicted does not walk in the grace of God; he is stumbling through life, going from one error to another, from one sinful abyss into another deeper one; he lives in uncertainty and doubt; he is lost; he has no security, no Faith, No Hope, no Love, no Peace. Having elected to walk in darkness in this life, God will permit him to walk in eternal darkness in the next life.

The Resurrection of Christ, assures us of victory over our individual darkness, if we will but "follow Him," the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



PALLOTTA

Members In Public Life

Many Achieve High Office

TORONTO, Ont.—A number of members of the Order Sons of Italy in America have achieved high public office, the Toronto sessions of the Order's Executive Committee was told by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi.

Speaking at a banquet in King Edward Hotel the Supreme Venerable paid particular tribute to Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order.

"Our beloved Judge Alessandrini seated at the head table tonight," Gorrasi said, "has guided the destinies of the Order for many years. He is presently serving his fourth ten-year term in the Common Pleas Court in Pennsylvania, having been first elected in 1927. He is now the President Judge of the Common Pleas Court.

"We also have Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of the state of Washington, Gov. Michael DiSalle of Ohio, Gov. Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts, an honorary member of the Order; Gov. Chris-

topher DelSesto of Rhode Island, U. S. Senator John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, an honorary member of the Order; also, our own First Assistant Supreme Venerable John Ottaviano of New Haven, who has served as State Treasurer for Connecticut.

Julian Appointment

"Also in Massachusetts we have been honored to have Past Grand Venerable Anthony Julian, presently serving and doing a good job as United States Attorney, appointed a judge of the Federal District Court.

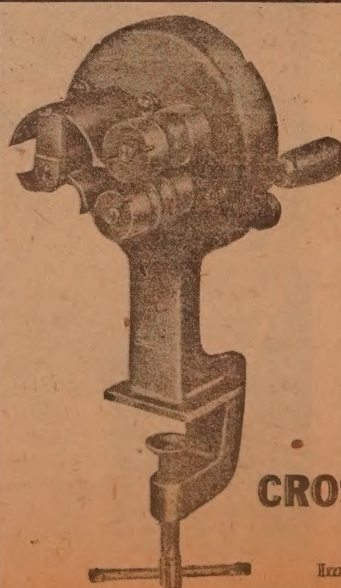
"As time goes on, as you make contributions to your country, your children will be entitled to recognition in this wonderful nation of yours."

Canadian Members Offer Toast at Banquet

Members of the Supreme Council's Executive Committee were impressed with a procedure followed by our Canadian brethren at banquets.

Roland J. Farano, toastmaster,

led the gathering in a toast to the Queen of England. In tribute to the Order and Italy, Farano also proposed toasts to President Eisenhower and President Gronchi of Italy.



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Toronto Bishop Cites Need

By ALBERT A. MAINO

TORONTO, Ont.—The need for more university trained students of Italian origin was cited in a speech by Most Rev. Francis A. Marrocco, auxiliary bishop of Toronto, at a banquet honoring members of the Supreme Council.

Bishop Marrocco said: "Have them turn their eyes to the sciences, to the religious and, the arts."

He added that there is a great need for priests and nuns because of the increase in population. He also called for more political leaders.

Civic and religious leaders were among the more than 250 persons at the banquet in the King Edward Hotel.

Supreme Venerable

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi urged members of the Ontario Order "to talk and think of the Order as a whole" and to participate in Supreme Lodge activities.

He said the fraternal pact between the Supreme Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec was "formed in 1955 to bring about a better international understanding between the two countries."

"I want the members in Canada," he said, "to get the feeling of being a part of the Order Sons of Italy in America."

Welcome to Council

Comptroller William Allen, representing Mayor Nathan Phillips, welcomed the members of the Supreme Executive Committee to Toronto.

He said that Toronto, with its many new buildings under construction, is quickly becoming a convention city and asked that the Order consider coming to Toronto for one of its conventions.

"Your visit through our unguarded border has added something to our lives," he said.

"We here in Toronto," he said, "recognize the many acts of citizenship that are performed by your members."

Other Speakers

Other speakers were Grand Venerable Anthony Farano, who welcomed the members of the Supreme Executive Committee on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and Ex-Grand Venerable Joseph Dennis, who introduced Supreme Venerable Gorrasi.

Roland J. Farano was toastmaster.

Among the guests seated at the head table with members of the Supreme Executive Committee were, Italian Consul General Frank DeRege, Quinto Martini of Hamilton, first Italian-Canadian elected to Parliament; John Yaremko, minister of transport for the province of Ontario, and the Rev. Fr. Jeremiah Hayes of Mount Carmel Church.

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tional work in Arizona because of the large Italian-American communities there.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi announced that the Denver (Colo.) Lodge now has 700 members.

He also reported that work is being done in Missouri and Kentucky by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi distributed a sample set of men's cuff links and a ladies' pin, both bearing the emblem of the Order, for viewing by members of the Executive Committee.

He said the two items would be given to members as prizes for inducting ten or more members into the Order.

Toronto Banquet Speeches

Bishop Francis A. Marrocco

"One of the qualities one is supposed to acquire in life is the virtue of humility. To acquire humility, one must understand. If pride is due esteem of one's self, then humility is the opposite. It does not mean just betterment of one's self.

"Humility can be applied to people of their origin . . . to them or their forebears. People should be happy and satisfied with the land from which they sprang.

"All people here can lay claim to some part of the world. Those people who do not are few and far between.

"All who have eyes and hands for the land of their parents have reason to enjoy many things. They have inherited some outstanding qualities from those lands.

"Narrow-minded People"

"It is not uncommon to find some organizations who identify themselves with other parts of the world. Unfortunately, however, there are narrow-minded people who see some danger in this. However, no thinking man feels this way.

"They do not feel this way because they are no less proud of the land of their origin, and the loyalty for which they hold for the country of which they are subject.

"The Italian people have a history of which they can feel justly proud. It is not a history of text books, nor of battles or dates. It is a history of civilization, of religion, of culture and economics.

"The people of the world look to our glorious history . . . our contributions in the fields of politics, culture, religion, the sciences and the arts.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi

"The Order Sons of Italy in America is organized to work to better our people in the United States and Canada.

"I first came to Canada in 1955 to form a fraternal pact with the Grand Lodges of Ontario and Quebec and the Supreme Lodge.

"In 1955 in my report to the Supreme Venerable at the time, George Spatuzza, I praised your work during my visit at the Grand convention.

"We formed the pact because we wanted to bring about a better international understanding between our two countries.

Questions a Formality

"My entry into Canada is indicative of the friendship of the two countries. I was asked a few questions as a matter of formality. I wonder, however, what kind of questions would be asked at other borders in the world.

" . . . All of the Order's history has been carried on with the traditions of our fathers. While we have an obligation to the adopted land of ours, we continue to retain an affection for our mother country.

"During the war years we were

"Italy has made great contributions to the history of man . . . those of Italian origin should express joy in being a part of such a history. They must take pride in the contributions made to the welfare of the human race.

"It is this feeling that brought about the creation of the Order Sons of Italy in America. One must pat you on the back for the many things which you have done on this continent.

"Continue your good work. Direct your energies to tap the population which is yours.

" . . . We should have a greater proportion of Italian men and women aspiring for higher education. It was not possible in the past because of survival. In these times when so many of our people have tasted prosperity in Canada and the United States you must press for higher education more than you do.

Need for Leaders

"Have them turn their eyes to the sciences, to the religious and the arts. We have failed to produce the leaders in all spheres. We do not have enough young people with university training.

"We do have some and they are indicative of what could be done.

"In the field of religion we are hit by a need for priests and nuns. Our increase in population has brought about a great need for them.

In the political world, I believe we do not have the number we ought to have in making the welfare of the nation.

" . . . We hope that you will aspire to even greater things in the future."

carrying perhaps the heaviest psychological load in all of our history and the contributions we made were second to none.

"During the war the United States had brought in many Italian prisoners of war. We were permitted to carry on visitations with these prisoners.

American Way of Life

"And hundreds of these prisoners were given the opportunity to visit with us in our homes and to feel the warmth of our American way of life. We worked amongst them for more than two years.

"In 1948 the Order conducted a letter-writing campaign directed at Italy to urge that country to vote against communism. We feel certain that many of those prisoners that we visited must have voted on the right side because of our hospitality to them and their understanding of the tolerance of our country.

"We were concerned with the Order's future during those years and we wondered what would transpire following the end of the war. With war's end we found ourselves continuing forward as before."

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Praise For Pennsylvania Veteran

READING, Pa.—Anthony Zaffiro, alderman for many years, and a member of the Pennsylvania Grand Council since 1913, announced he will not be a candidate for re-election.



ZAFFIRO

Brother Zaffiro, a founder of the first lodge founded in Pennsylvania, the Reading Lodge No. 29, is dean of the Grand Council. He is presently serving as Grand Treasurer, an office he has held for many years. Brother Zaffiro was first elected to the Grand Council in 1913, the year it was organized.

Following his announcement not to seek re-election, Zaffiro received a number of messages congratulating him on his service to the city.

Typical of the messages he received is one from President Judge Forrest Ritter Shanaman of the Common Pleas Court of Berks County. His letter follows:

Dear Alderman Zaffiro:

You have stood like a monument of good repute and public service for these many years. Now I read recently in the newspaper that you are not going to stand for re-election again.

I felt a certain sense of pain that the generation to which you and I belong is passing. But I felt also a strong sense of delight that you are relieving yourself of many cares, and will enjoy the reward of increased ease, which by your long labors for your neighbor's good, you have so abundantly earned.

Your life among us has been a constant satisfaction and comfort to your fellow citizens, and now, go with God for the rest of your days, attended by the affection and esteem of all who know you.

Utica Women's Lodge Dinner Dance

UTICA, N.Y. — Supreme and Grand Lodge officers were among the guests attending the annual dinner-dance sponsored by Adelaide Cairol Lodge No. 294 at the Hotel Hamilton.

Guests were, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady; Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera, Brooklyn; Grand Trustee Stephen DiGiorgio, Schenectady; Grand Trustee Mrs. Angela Mirabelli; Venerable Russ Bianco of Utica Lodge; Venerable Mrs. Joseph Amato of Golden Lion Lodge, Syracuse; Venerable Joseph Dellunto of Progresso Lodge, Syracuse; Venerable Mrs. Anthony Langretta of Cairol Lodge; Mrs. Vincent Mazzei, charter member, and the Rev. Fr. Joseph Berton, pastor of St. Mary Mt. Carmel Church.

Mrs. Charles Kassouf and Mrs. Frank Garcia were general chairmen.

The committee, Mrs. Joseph-



MRS. GARCIA MRS. KASSOUF

ine Assaro, Mrs. John Assaro, Miss Angela Pedone, Mrs. John DeFazio, Mrs. Louis Centolella, Mrs. Louis Tehan, Mrs. Frank Vatalaro, Miss Connie Beratta, Mrs. Rose Grimaldi, Mrs. Louis Clementi, Mrs. Richard Clementi, Miss Antoinette Daley, Mrs. Mirabelli, and Mrs. Langeretta.

Illinois Member Veteran of "Death March"

SKOKIE, ILL.—Mario G. Tonelli, assistant venerable of Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046, is a survivor of the historic Bataan Death March of 1942.

Brother Tonelli, a member of the Order since 1947, is best known to astute football fans throughout the country for his ability on the gridiron while at Notre Dame University. He was named an All-American in 1938, at the conclusion of his third season as a standout player at Notre Dame.

Prior to entering the Army in 1940, Brother Tonelli played professional football with the Chicago Cardinals.

Following his induction, he was sent to the Philippines, and on to Bataan. With the fall of Bataan in 1942, he was taken prisoner and then followed the gruelling and tortuous Death March. He served 42 months as a prisoner in various Japanese prison camps.

On his return to civilian life, Brother Tonelli entered politics. He became a candidate in 1946 for commissioner of Cook County. He was elected and became the first Republican from Chicago of Italian descent elected to a county public office.

A year later he joined the Chesrow Lodge in Chicago. With the induction of the Skokie Valley Lodge several years ago, he transferred membership and was elected a trustee of the lodge. He was named Assistant Venerable this year.

At present he is a member of the Building and Zoning Bureau of Cook County. He is active in American Legion work and is a golfing and fishing enthusiast.



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The Baltimore lawyer is a member of the Baltimore Bar Association, Sigma Delta Kappa Law Fraternity, University of Baltimore Alumni Association, Holy Name Society of Jesus, the Order Sons of Italy in America and various other organizations.

He has authored a series of newspaper articles entitled "Your Heroes and Mine," which appeared in The Guide, a local newspaper. His treatise on labor law "The Real Union's Side of The Taft-Hartley Law" was published in 1947. He was also a contributor to American Pleading and Practice Forms Annotated, a legal work. For his legal research, Dr. Milio was recommended for membership in the Sigma Chapter, Alumni Society of The Hoosier Institute, by the membership committee of Epsilon Delta Chi.

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